

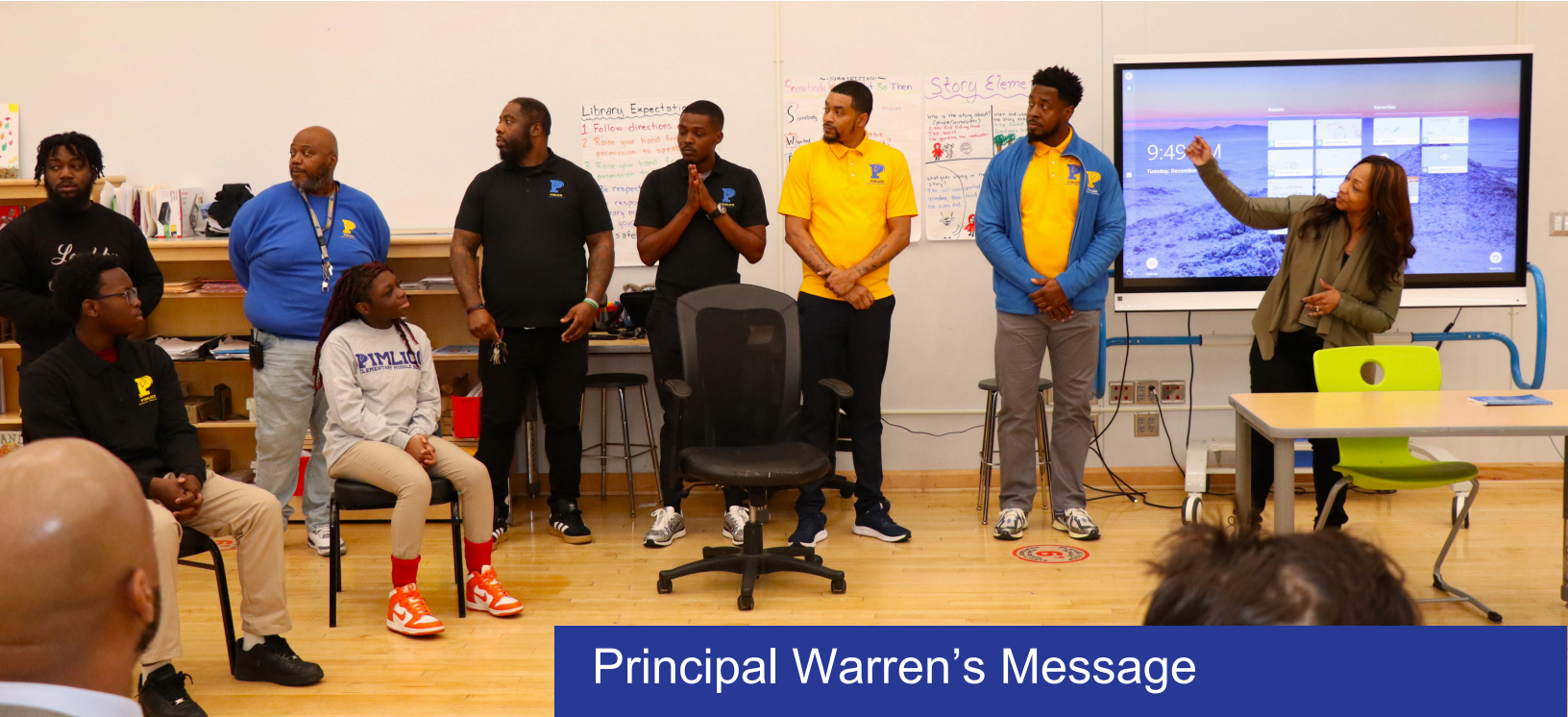


**PIMLICO**  
ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Baltimore Curriculum Project Charter

# STALLION TIMES

Pimlico Elementary/Middle School Newsletter.



## Principal Warren's Message

### STAY CONNECTED!

**Instagram**

@pimlicoelementarymiddle

**Facebook:** Pimlico223

pimlico223.org

**Rooms app** for daily news  
(Apple and Google stores)

### School Leadership

**Ms. Warren**, Principal,

NMBarnett@bcps.k12.md.us

**Ms. Adams**, Asst. Principal Pre-

K-2, TRAdams@bcps.k12.md.us

**Ms. Winfield**, Asst. Principal 3-5,

SWinfield@bcps.k12.md.us

**Mr. Debnam**, Asst. Principal 6-8,

CDebnam@bcps.k12.md.us

Office: 430-396-0876



**Happy New Year!** As we step into 2025, we reflect on the challenges, accomplishments, and moments that have shaped us over the past year. We are grateful for the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our entire Pimlico community. Together, we've made significant strides and are excited about the opportunities and growth that the new year will bring.

New this year is the PEMS video at [youtube.com/@baltimorecp](https://youtube.com/@baltimorecp) created by Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP), our charter organization. Another accomplishment was last month's presentation about Restorative Practices with PEMS students and staff to the full Baltimore City Council. (See page 4 for details.)

Let us part with 2024 and welcome 2025 with renewed optimism, determination, and unity. May this year bring success, prosperity, and good health to all. We look forward to continuing our shared work and achieving even greater things in the year ahead. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, prosperous, and fulfilling New Year!

Warm regards,  
Nneka Warren, Principal

# Holiday Door Decorating Contest Winners!

We had a spirited December, and our Holiday Door Decorating Contest added a little something special to Pimlico's hallways last month.

Our five judges had a difficult challenge for the two divisions: Division I (Door Only) and Division II (Multiple Elements).

Congratulations, Door Only Division Winners!

- 1st Place: Mr. Owens
- 2nd: Mr. Simpson
- 3rd: Ms. Thomas
- 4th: Mr. Dickens, et al. (Ms. Meadows, Ms. Ramsay)
- 5th: Ms. Harvey and Ms. Anderson

Multiple Elements Division Winners:

- 1st Place: Mrs. Gregory
- 2nd: ESOL (Mrs. Whyee, Mrs. Ndati, Ms. Ege, and Mrs. Velasquez)
- 3rd: Ms. Bell
- 4th: Ms. Isaac

Honorable Mentions:

- Ms. Smith and Mr. Carver
- Ms. Yorkshire and Ms. Stewart
- Mr. Mathews
- Ms. Schultz
- Mr. Debnam
- Ms. Henson
- Mr. Judd
- Mr. Dixon
- Ms. Patterson
- Ms. Cummings
- Mrs. So
- Mrs. Sufrin
- Ms. Lee

## A Few Winners





## Afterschool Enrichment Spotlight

**Strong Minds Survive** for 5th-8th grade boys includes chess, soccer, football, basketball, iReady (tutoring), mentorship, Restorative Practices, and Social Emotional Learning. Led by Mr. Lester and Coaches Davis and Reid, the program provides redirection and an outlet for young males to foster positive mindsets, integrity, and provide opportunities for the students to receive support and resources needed to be successful representations of their community.

The audition-based **Blazing Beauties Dance Ensemble** for girls and boys, 3rd-5th, covers all genres of music and offers creative expression through music and dance. The current 15 Blazing Beauties perform in and after school and at holiday activities and are coached by Ms. Graves and Ms. Jefferson, the 4th Grade Teaching Team.



## Councilmen Visit Pimlico

Last month, our Dream Team (Pimlico's administration) and four students presented our Restorative Practices program to 12 Baltimore City Councilmen, including Council President Zeke Cohen. They learned about how we use peaceful problem-solving strategies, circles, and mediations to solve conflict, nurture positive behaviors, and strengthen our community.



## Winter Concert Recap

On Dec. 17, our talented students presented a memorable Winter Concert, under the leadership of Mrs. Smith. Congratulations to all the performers!



## A Healthier Winter:

**Use good hygiene:** Minimize germs/viruses spreading by washing your hands regularly with soap and water, sneezing/coughing into your elbow/sleeve (not your hands), and cleaning shared surfaces in your home (door handles, light switches, etc.).

**Keep your child home if they are sick:** BCPS policy states that a student with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea must stay home until symptoms have been gone for 24 hours. Attendance is very important, but rest is best when you or your child are sick.

**Minimize sharing:** Teach your child not to share cups, plates, water bottles/straws, utensils, and snacks.

**Eat healthy food:** Feeding your family fruits and vegetables every day (and avoiding processed food) gives them the vitamin C, zinc, and other vitamins and minerals they need to support natural immunity. Try carrots, potatoes, broccoli, brussels sprouts, oranges, and other citrus fruits.

**Get enough sleep:** The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children 6 to 12 years old get 9-12 hours. Children who don't get enough sleep are far more likely to get sick, stay sick for longer, and suffer from more severe cold/flu symptoms.

What are the common signs of winter illnesses?

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose and/or red/itchy eyes (not allergy-related)
- Feeling more tired than normal
- Body aches
- Chills or hot flashes
- Vomiting/diarrhea

Questions? Nurse Cummings,  
[@secummings@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:@secummings@bcps.k12.md.us), 410-291-2362

## Community School Coordinator Corner

School attendance plays a vital role in a student's academic progress, social and emotional development, and future success. It sets the foundation for a productive and fulfilling life.

**Academic Success:** Consistent attendance helps students keep up with their lessons and ensures they don't miss important concepts. Missing school can lead to gaps in knowledge, making it harder to understand new material, which can affect overall academic performance.

**Building Future Habits:** Regular attendance fosters good habits like responsibility, time management, and commitment, which are essential for success in adulthood and the workforce.

**Social Development:** Attending school regularly allows students to develop social skills, interact with their peers, make friends, and learn how to work with others.

**Emotional and Mental Growth:** Consistent attendance provides students with structure, routine, and stability. School also offers a place of emotional support, where students can talk to teachers or counselors if they are facing challenges.

## Winter Community Support Drive

Winter is here! It's time for our Thankful for You Winter Community Support Drive. Drop off NEW winter coats, boots, hats, scarves, gloves, and toys for families at school during school hours.

## PTO Meeting

Please join us for our PTO Meeting this month on Wed., Jan. 22, 3-4pm. All parents and guardians in attendance will be eligible for a gift card raffle. Light refreshments will be served.

## Are You on the Pimlico ES MS App?

The best way to stay updated on your child's class news and school news is with the FREE Rooms in the Apple or Google stores. Use the link we sent in the sign-up invitation email or text. Contact Mr. Judd if you need another invitation: TWJudd@bcps.k12.md.us.

## January Parenting Workshops

Workshop Jan. 8:  
Supporting our Children with  
BIG Emotions

Parenting Circle, Jan. 22:  
Keeping our Homes Peaceful

Register by scanning the QR  
code below:



Ms. Braxton  
Community School Coordinator  
tbraxton@phrmd.org



Please reach out with questions or if you have needs for your student and family. Ms. Braxton and our community partner, Park Heights Renaissance, are here to help!

# January Events

- Wed., Jan. 8:** Peaceful Parenting Workshop
  - Fri., Jan 17:** Early Release Day AND BCPS School Choice Application Deadline
  - Mon., Jan. 20:** School Closed for MLK day
  - Thu., Jan. 22:** PTO Meeting and Parenting Circle
- Lion King, Jr. is coming! Stay tuned for more details!

# Baltimore Curriculum Project

Last month, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) released its annual Star Ratings for public schools based on academic achievement, student growth, progress in closing achievement gaps, overall school climate, and more. Many City schools had a decrease in their Star Ratings from challenges during the pandemic’s early years like disruptions to in-person learning and remote instruction difficulties.

Baltimore Curriculum Project’s (BCP) six neighborhood conversion charter schools. however, are stories of recovery and resilience. **Since 2022, all six BCP schools have increased their total points earned in the Star Rankings**, some making huge strides and resulting in an additional star. This is a testament to the dedication of our principals, faculty, staff, and parents and to the quality of the BCP program.

Two BCP schools, Wolfe Street Academy and City Springs Elementary/Middle School, increased their Maryland Star Rating for 2023-24. Congratulations to all our schools for your ongoing growth and improvement!

**MSDE Star Ratings**

BCP SCHOOLS	2022	2023	2024	% INCREASED
City Springs Elementary/Middle	★★	★★	★★★★	+10.6%
Frederick Elementary	★★	★★	★★	+5.2%
Govans Elementary	★★	★★★★	★★★★	+8.7%
Hampstead Hill Academy	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	+2.7%
Pimlico Elementary/Middle	★	★★	★★	+22.2%
Wolfe Street Academy	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	+9.8%

## School Mission

With enthusiasm, patience, and dedication, all stakeholders in our 21st Century learning community will create opportunities for students to explore ideas, develop their potential, and celebrate their growth as we prepare them to become college and career ready.